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Moorhead cracks down on alcohol policies

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The city of Moorhead is coming together to promote healthy drinking habits among college students.

"Moorhead Together," a partnership between MSUM, Concordia and MSCTC, is an initiative designed to help minimize

underage and unsafe drinking habits, particularly amongst college students.

In efforts to achieve this goal, Moorhead Together will educate students about the dangers of binge drinking and include counseling resources, enhanced enforcement from the Moorhead Police Department and sanctions at the

colleges for students that receive a violation.

"The goal is not to target college students," said Deric Swenson, a sergeant at the Moorhead Police Department. "We want to have a peaceful community."

The local colleges and police department decided they needed to take action in the fall of 2007 after

alcohol related deaths claimed two MSUM students in 2004 and 2006.

"We want to educate students and give them a chance to understand what can happen, instead of learning it the hard way," Swenson said.

Moorhead Police have enhanced their enforcement and now have officers dedicated to answering "party" calls. Unarmed vehicles,

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Students take stand against violence

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Join singer-songwriter Kris Kitko, fellow students and faculty on Thursday for MSUM's 2012 Take Back the Night event, starting at 5:30 p.m. on the campus mall in front of the library.

Take Back the Night is an event to recognize and end violence against women across the country and around the world.

This year's event will include a performance by Kris Kito, a barbeque, a rally composed of a poetry reading and a variety of speakers, a march across campus and will end with a candlelight vigil said Anita Bender, the director of the women's center, director of the Rainbow Dragon Center and the program coordinator for TOCAR.

"The event was meant for women initially and focuses on domestic violence, rape, and the way in which women are targeted," Bender said. "The event does not exclude men, but it recognizes the high number of violent crimes against women and the safety of the LGBTQ population."

Bender said the goal of Take Back the Night is to "make violence more visible and make campus safe" for students and faculty.

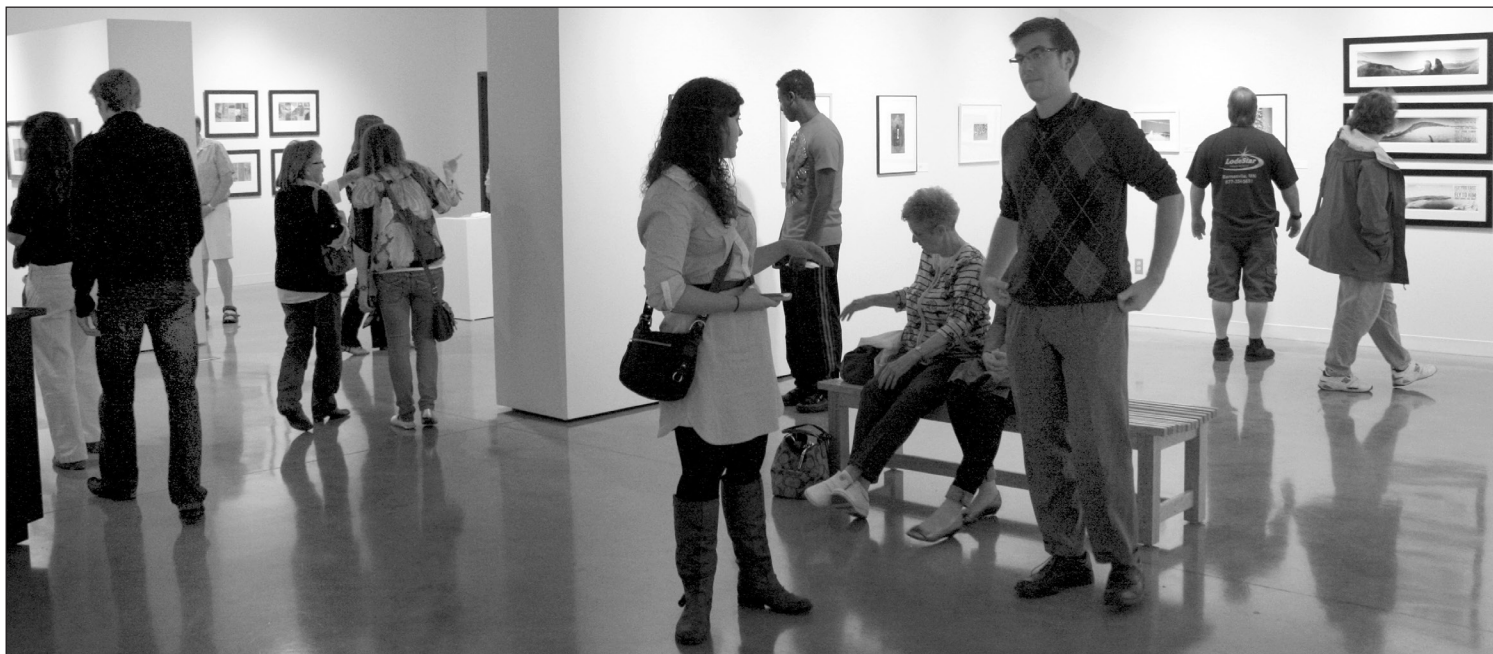
According to takebackthenight.org, the first Take Back the Night event was held in Philadelphia in 1975 after the murder of Susan Alexander Speeth, a young microbiologist who was stabbed while walking home alone. Since 1976, Take Back the Night events have been held across the world, starting in Brussels, Belgium.

"Since that time, millions of people across the globe have participated in Take Back the Night events," said Sherry Lee Short, interim director of women's and gender studies and associate professor of art.

"Unfortunately, during that time, the rate of sexual, domestic and other forms of gendered violence across the world

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Students display art from travels



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Art students display their work from a summer trip to Scotland and Amsterdam on Sept. 6 for the opening day of the Dinnae Fash Yersel and Keep Yer Heid art exhibit at the Roland Dille Center for the Arts gallery. The artwork will be on display until Oct. 5. For a story on featured student artists, see page 3.

International enrollment increases

BY KRISTIN KIRTZ
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One hundred forty-eight newly enrolled international students set foot onto MSUM soil on Aug. 15. That's 31 more than last year.

Ludmi Herath, the international student programs coordinator, is excited to see such a diverse group of students.

"We are thrilled that the students are not predominantly from one country," Herath said. "For the first time we have Cyprus, we have Venezuela, Brazil, Portugal. We have varieties of countries, almost 50 different countries."

Getting Started

Herath said different procedures were taken this year for enrolling the students compared to last year, which caused the increase. She said that compared to other

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School of Business adds masters program

BY JASMINE MAKI
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A new Master of Science in Accounting and Finance has been added to the School of Business.

The new program combines the two disciplines – accounting and finance – to offer students more opportunities to further their education.

Sheri Erickson, program director, and Marsha Weber, dean of the College of Business and Industry, both said they hope the new combined program will keep students at MSUM to complete their master's degree, as well as attract new students to the school.

"Certainly in the region there's nothing like it," Weber said. "We wanted to do something that would potentially be a recruiting tool and set us apart."

The combined program will benefit both finance students



Sheri Erickson and Marsha Weber and accounting students.

"It provides our accounting students with a way of getting their additional 30 required credits to take the CPA exam by tacking on a masters degree instead of by completing those credits at the undergraduate level," Erickson said.

The Bachelor of Science in Accounting currently requires

students to complete 120 credits, but students must complete 150 credits to take the CPA exam and become certified.

"A lot of students were staying to complete the 30 credits anyway," Erickson said.

Now, with those additional credits, students will be able to earn a master's degree.

"In addition, it gives them

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9.15	7 a.m. - 8 p.m. -Tailgaiting. 12 p.m. - Dragon Soccer vs. Upper Iowa University 2 p.m. - Dragon Football vs. Upper Iowa University. 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. - Glendalough State Park Trip, Dragon Entertainment Group.
9.16	1 p.m. - Dragon Soccer vs. Augustana College. 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. - Planetarium show, Cosmic Colors, BR 167 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. - Intramurals
9.17	10 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Giant Poster Sale, Campus Mall



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World News

Number of job openings falls
After last week’s disappointing jobs report, Tuesday brought more bad news.
The Labor Department reported that the number of American job openings fell in July to 3.67 million, down from June’s 3.72 million.
The number of new hires also fell in the past month, from 4.28 million to 4.3 million.
In a lagging labor market, marked by scores of workforce dropouts, the figures show that it’s still difficult to get an American job, and it’s getting harder.
The data implies that an average of 3.5 people are gunning for every open position.
Many blame employers’ reluctance to hire on uncertainty, from the Eurozone wobbles to the impending fiscal cliff.

Thousands mourn in NY, D.C., Penn.
President Barack Obama visited the Pentagon to mark the anniversary of 9/11 Tuesday, saying, “This is never an easy day.” Thousands gathered to mourn in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania.
Meanwhile, construction will resume at the National September 11 Memorial & Museum after the museum and the Port Authority came to an agreement Monday.
All work at the memorial was halted last year over disagreements about funding, financing and oversight.
The federal government also announced it will add cancer to the list of illnesses linked to 9/11 making many former Ground Zero workers eligible for financial compensation.

Southerners don’t like Mitt
It’s Thursday, but this week has already packed some punches for Mitt Romney.
A new poll out Tuesday found that Southern whites long considered one of the linchpins of the Republicans’ so-called Southern strategyare bothered by the GOP candidate’s wealth and religion. According to the Reuters Ipsos poll conducted over several months in 11 states from Virginia to Texas, 38 percent of Bible Belt voters said they are less likely to vote for a candidate who is “very wealthy” than one who isn’t and many viewed Mormonism as a cult.
Meanwhile, an ABC News Washington Post poll released Tuesday showed that a majority favored having dinner with the president over Romney by a 13-point margin.

In a CNN/ORC International poll released Monday, Obama led Romney by 6 points, buoyed by a 4-point bump from the Democratic National Convention.

World news from dailybeast.com



MSUM Briefs

MSUM art professor leads Fargo Public art project
MSUM art professor Brad Bachmeier began his tenure as Chair of The Arts Partnership this summer. TAP has just launched a public art project in cooperation with the City of Fargo, the Fargo Public Schools and the Fargo Park District. MSUM art student Catie Miller served as the education liaison for the project which is entitled W4: Walking, Waiting, Wondering Words.
Citizens of Fargo are encouraged to submit written words, musings, philosophies, ponderings and poetry for consideration to be stamped permanently in the sidewalks of the city through the website.

The American Indian Student Association hosts bowling night
Thursday, September 13, at 9 p.m. Sunset lanes in Moorhead.
This is a free event open to everyone. Games and shoe rental will be covered.
Please RSVP through Facebook.
Different student organizations will be there as well, representatives from UMOJA, OLA, Japan club, Nepali and Asian club will be on hand. See what all these clubs have in store for the year and possibly join one. If this is your first year at MSUM, this is an excellent way to meet people.
Rides will be available starting at 8:30 p.m. in the CMU parking lot. For any questions, email Keith Clark at clarkkei@mnstate.edu.

Leadership program begins for nonprofits.
MSUM in partnership with United Way of Cass Clay and the Otto Bremer Foundation, will host a nine month leadership program on “The Essentials of Nonprofit Administration” beginning Sept. 12. The class meets the second Wednesday of each month from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
A new lineup of topics with up-to-date information is scheduled for this year’s series of workshops, including legal issues facing nonprofits, innovation, financial management, strategic planning, human resources management and administration, marketing, succession planning, fundraising and leadership during transition. This comprehensive training program is designed to address today’s critical issues that nonprofit organizations face daily. Participants should attend nine sessions to successfully complete the program.
Presenters are academic and nonprofit professionals recognized as experts in their fields. For more information, please contact 218.477.2763 or lisa.johnson@mnstate.edu.

MSUM briefs from Dragon Digest and submitted to advocate@mnstate.edu

Security Update

Director of Public Safety

Greg Lemke

9.5	9.7
Fire alarm in Ballard, false alarm, pull station activation.	Vandalism reported in Ballard.
Fire alarm in Nelson, false alarm, burnt pan.	Motor vehicle crash reported in Lot G-10.
Disorderly conduct reported in Kise.	Disorderly conduct reported in the library, two referred to Campus Judicial.
9.6	9.8
Fire alarm in John Neumaier, false alarm, burnt food.	Bicycle theft reported from south bike rack at King Biology Hall.
Bicycle theft reported from north bike rack at MacLean.	Smoking Violation near west entrance to Nelson Hall, two referred to Campus Judicial.
Smoking violation outside of Dahl, gone on arrival.	Hit & run crash reported in Lot G-7, Moorhead PD contacted.
MSUM property located in yard off campus, confiscated and returned to campus.	John Neumaier Hall, female reported being assaulted at an off-campus location. Moorhead PD, F-M Ambulance contacted.
Blue light activation at the south entrance to Dahl Hall, false call.	Medical in Kise Commons.
Graffiti reported on the south side of East Snarr, Moorhead PD contacted.	9.9
Suspicious activity in Campus Mall, individuals identified and released.	Alcohol violation at 14th St. bus stop, non-student in possession of alcohol, Moorhead PD contacted.
Graffiti reported on 20th St. MSUM sign, Moorhead PD contacted.	Noise complaint in South Snarr, seven referred to Campus Judicial.

Safety Tip of the week

Bicycle Theft Prevention

Bicycle theft is all too frequent this time of year on campus. Steps you can take to prevent your bicycle from being stolen:

1. Lock it up - use the best bicycle lock that budget will allow.
2. Make sure to secure the lock around the frame, wheel, and bike rack.

To report a problem contact Public Safety at 218.477.2449

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The Advocate is looking for a new business manager.

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A & E

Traveling abroad propels students to get creative

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In June, MSUM art and design students explored Scotland for three weeks and Amsterdam for a week.

On Sept. 6, art from the trip was displayed at a public open house for “Scotland 2012,” the Dinnæ Fash Yersel and Keep Yer Heid art exhibit in the Center for the Arts gallery. The exhibit will run until Oct. 5.

The exhibit shows the students’ experiences through a variety of works including photographs, books, sculptures and paintings.

The 20 students traveled to Scotland and Amsterdam with professors Don Clark and Allan Sheets. After the trip, students were asked to use whatever artistic means they felt comfortable with to create a final project.

“We had a lot of freedom in choosing the emphasis of our project. I was excited about the photos I was able to create in Scotland,” said Billie Kitzman, a graphic design junior.

While abroad, the students dealt with new challenges in creating their work.

“It was completely different scenery than our Midwestern environment,” said Baylee Sebring, a photography junior.

Students were encouraged to explore the culture and people with one assignment. They talked to locals to find their favorite places in the area, then took photographs of the person and the specific place they were told about.

“Sometimes I would go and talk to people but they wouldn’t let me take a photo, so it was kind of like

a failed attempt,” said Heidi Jaeger, a photography junior. “It was frustrating but you just have to keep trying.”

In discovering the history of another culture, “These students have gained a greater understanding of the world,” Sheets said.

An example of this was the 1,100-year-old church, which students got to photograph.

Students also enjoyed observing the works of other famous artists.

“We had some free time, so I went to see the Rembrandt house in Amsterdam. He is one of my favorite artists,” said art major Megan Brabec.

English professor Laura Fasick, who went to the Sept. 6 open house, noticed benefits the students have gained from attending the trip.

“From these works, it seems that students took advantage of the different environment and have a more outward focus,” Fasick said.

Along with learning about and creating art, these travelers gained confidence.

“People don’t scare me as much anymore. I am definitely a lot braver,” Kitzman said.

The trip allowed students to explore themselves inwardly and outwardly.

“I was able to re-evaluate a lot of things and become a more confident person and artist,” Brabec said.

Students who attended the open house recommended the exhibit.

“I learned about the open house through my class but I would tell other students to come and see the exhibit. It makes me want to go explore,” said art major Shana Brownell.



Students with their featured art pieces. (From top to bottom right) Billie Kitzman, Heidi Jaeger, Megan Brabec and Baylee Sebring.



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Professor ready for return

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After a year-long sabbatical, MSUM dance and theater professor Craig Ellingson, is back and ready for action.

During sabbatical, Ellingson studied at internationally renowned Dell’Arte International School of Physical Theatre in Blue Lake, Calif. Attending from September to June, he received a certificate in the school’s personal training program.

For Ellingson, being a student again had its challenges and opportunities.

“It was frustrating at times, but eye opening and was a really great chance to get back in the classroom and think about things in a student’s perspective,” Ellingson said.

Physical theater is a form of theater that emphasizes the use of physical movement for real expression.

With plans on teaching others what he learned from Dell’Arte, Ellingson said students involved with him in dance and theater this year should expect to see some changes.

“Many of the methodologies are already going to be implemented in the four classes that I’m teaching this year,” Ellingson said. “There will also most likely be an acting styles course created, where I will be able to show the students some more hands on



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activity with some of the work that I was able to do.”

After his sabbatical was finished, it wasn’t long before Ellingson was back on MSUM grounds working with the Straw Hat productions “My Fair Lady” and “Lucky Stiff.” He is currently tied up with a little acting of his own, in the Musical Theater Fargo-Moorhead’s “Jekyll and Hyde.”

The next production that Ellingson will be involved with will be the MSUM production of “Avenue Q” in February. Avenue Q is a musical production that involves the use of puppets, which will be a way for Ellingson to show off and teach some more of the physical tactics he learned during his study.

“It will influence my work as a teacher, actor and director,” Ellingson said. “I’m looking forward to sharing my experience with my students in various courses.”

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Features

Pageant Passion

Student wins Miss Congeniality, aspires to Miss ND

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With a broadcast emphasis in mass communications, Becca Lebak is passionate about meeting and communicating with people. She also uses this gift for another passion: pageants.

On Labor Day, Lebak won the Miss Congeniality award at the National Sweetheart Pageant hosted in Hoopston, Ill. She calls the experience a stepping stone to her ultimate goal.

“This next year, I want to win Miss North Dakota,” Lebak said. “I mean, mark my words, I’m going to work my little tail feathers off because I want it that bad, especially after the (Sweetheart) pageant.”

Miss North Dakota is the title that leads to the Miss America Pageant. The Miss America Organization is committed to serving women currently in school or who have freshly graduated. For Lebak, the first steps toward pageants began years before.

In 8th grade, a friend who was giving up her spot in a pageant confronted Lebak.

“You have to do it,” the friend said to Lebak, who claimed to be “too much of a tomboy” to take part in pageants. Lebak eventually complied and enjoyed the experience.

Singing “You Can’t Get a Man With a Gun” while dressed as a man and holding a fake gun was Lebak’s talent in her fateful debut. For sportswear, she wore her soccer uniform, still dirty from the game the night before.

“I hadn’t washed it because I wanted it to look authentic,” Lebak said. “I really knew nothing about pageants, but the first time I ever competed I knew I was hooked.”

This year, Lebak won first runner up for Miss North Dakota, qualifying her for the Sweetheart pageant. Lebak competed for three days in swimwear, evening wear, talent



Becca Lebak, center, and her fellow contestants awaiting results at the Miss North Dakota Pageant.

Submitted photo

and on-stage interview.

“I think the reason why I won Miss Congeniality is because I don’t hold anything in. You know girls love to talk about burping and farting and all that stuff. It’s funny for us, so I never held anything in,” Lebak said. “It was a competition, but I tried to not let that get to me. I just wanted to go in there for the fun of it.”

Lebak said that coming from the Midwest played a role in her award.

“I think another thing that helped out with winning Miss Congeniality was that they thought my North Dakota accent was hilarious,” Lebak said.

Along with her accent, Lebak attributes the state for helping build her pageant platform, the cause that she will promote during her pageant career. Lebak’s platform is called “Money management makes

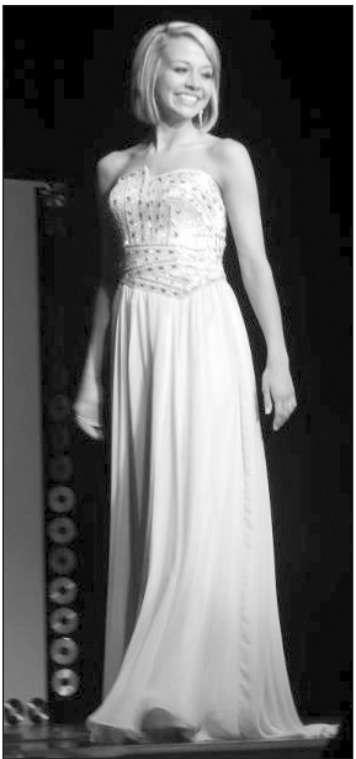
sense.”

“I talk about the importance of making money, saving money, spending money and giving money,” Lebak said.

“I’m really fortunate because I live in a state that is in a great economic time. I think everyone could learn a thing or two from North Dakota and what we are doing,” she said. “That’s kind of why I am so passionate about representing North Dakota because the state has done so much for me.”

Competing in pageants under the Miss America Organization, which prides itself in providing women with scholarships, has been a way for Lebak to pay for her college tuition and further her dreams.

“It’s turned into a lifestyle,” she said. “The way I act, how I meet people, the opportunities it’s given me. Everyone dreams of making a difference, this is my chance to do it.”



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Lebak modeling her evening wear.

ENROLLMENT, FROM FRONT

schools, once a student applies, MSUM’s turn around rate for admitting students is about five to seven days. Once they were admitted she made sure to send them emails every week informing them of different details to keep the students interested and involved.

Getting Involved

Every year, international student services tries to plan a fun trip for the newly arrived international students.

This year, a group of 73 international students went to Roseau, Minn., where they were able to work with a family who organized little trips like going to a farm to see the equipment and touring the Polaris center.

They stayed in a hotel for a night and the next morning had breakfast with the family that helped with the trip.

“For most international students, when they come to the U.S. for the first time they think we are like Beverly Hills, or what they see on TV,” Herath said. “They have no idea that we have small towns. I thought, ‘If I never take them now, they will never go on their own.’”

This trip allowed for more than just seeing new things; it allowed the students to get to know each other and build relationships.

Godelieve Voorhoeve, a freshman from Den Haag, Netherlands, explained that making friends was the highlight of the trip.

“I especially enjoyed the social part of it, the people that I got to know better,” Voorhoeve said.

Carmela Camacho Mastrolonardo, a freshman from Pampatar, Venezuela, also thought the trip was a positive experience.

“Hanging out with my friends, getting to know new places and another thing I really liked was the people who received us in their houses. They were very nice with us, in general the trip was fantastic,” Mastrolonardo said.

Even students like Katherine Beneby, a first year MSUM junior from Nassau, Bahamas, who wasn’t able to attend the Roseau trip, are still having a good time in Moorhead.

“My parents were still in town, so I was just spending the last moments with them,” Beneby said.

Beneby is studying mass communications and explained that she really likes the classes so far and is having fun meeting new people.

“I’m just enjoying every moment. I’m trying to get involved in various clubs,” Beneby said. “Back home I was quite known and to come here and basically have to start fresh is quite interesting ... but it’s an opportunity to meet people that I never would have met if I didn’t come here.”

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Features

Advo asks: Where is your favorite place to eat on campus?



"I would say Pizza Hut's bread sticks are my favorite. I have to refrain myself from getting them all the time."
- Michaela Gray, junior early childhood education major



"I just usually default to the easy choice of pizza."
- Jessie Charlton, senior elementary education major



"Chicken breast sandwich at Subs and Sweets."
- Rolland Elendu, sophomore computer information technology major



"Subs and fucking Sweets. It's fucking delicious."
- Hunter Simonson, freshman political science major



"Union City Cafe. I eat everything that's there just depending on my mood."
- Michelle Bruns, junior graphic communications major

Union City makes changes to student food options



Ultimate Baja



Pizza Hut



Grill 155

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Adv Eats

Advocate staff tries new local restaurants

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Union City eatery has changed their menu, adding food options — some better, some worse — in the CMU.

Ultimate Baja:

Ultimate Baja offers a small variety of south-of-the-border cuisine: tacos, taco salad, burrito or shell-less burrito. I ate a beef taco salad, with rice but no beans, queso, lettuce, salsa and sour cream. While I would say the meal was reasonably good, it is nothing overly special to be excited about.

Grill 155:

For those familiar to the old Grill 155 last year, you will probably be a

little disappointed with the changes this year. Their fries went from steak-style to home-cut, the kind you can get at McDonalds or Burger King much cheaper.

I was a big fan of the chicken tenders with a Thai peanut sauce, which I was told is no longer available this school year. If you're a regular at Kise, save your money and go there for an all-you-can-eat option of burgers. If you're an off-campus customer like me, keep in mind that your favorites from last year might not be the same or may be unavailable.

Pizza Hut:

On a happier note, Pizza Hut (in my humble opinion) has only improved. They added delicious pastas: a meaty marinara and a chicken alfredo. They still have the nice variety of the personal pizzas, breadsticks and chicken wings. They also have food available the longest, usually until 7 p.m.



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Opinion

Advocate Editorial Board

Fair punishment for the crime, when there is a crime

It was reported Tuesday that after being seen kissing another man, a football player was removed from the team at North Dakota State College of Science in Whapeton.

Jamie Kuntz, 18, was seen kissing his boyfriend by his teammates on Sept. 1, according to an article at slog.thestranger.com.

Head football coach Chuck Parsons confronted Kuntz about the kiss, which Kuntz denied.

After the confrontation, Kuntz tweeted hints toward suicide, which caused his roommate to call the police. After police determined that Kuntz was not at risk of suicide, Kuntz texted his coach admitting to the kiss and being gay.

Being removed from the team caused Kuntz to drop out of NDSCS.

We, the Advocate staff, believe that removing Kuntz from the football team was an inappropriate action made against someone who didn't deserve to be punished.

Sexual orientation shouldn't be a punishable offense, but unfortunately in many cases there's no legal protection against the discrimination many openly gay people in North Dakota face. The North Dakota Fair Housing and North Dakota Human Rights acts do not oppose landlords evicting residents and employers firing employees based on sexual orientation.

On another note, the NDSCS incident also brings up the issue of student athlete punishment, which has recently put NDSU in the spotlight.

Several Bison football players were charged with voter fraud, but face no apparent punishment. Bison head football coach Craig Bohl has said they won't be suspended.

Yet, Bohl didn't hesitate in suspending the NDSU football player who was charged – and later convicted – of indecent exposure. Both voter fraud and indecent exposure are Class A misdemeanors.

It saddens us to see such intolerance and unfair actions toward fellow college students. We believe that Kuntz – or anyone – should never face prosecution on the basis of sexual orientation. We also would like to see fair punishment when the situation does warrant it.

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Remember your campus resources



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This is how I celebrated world Suicide Awareness day. It was a day to remember those in my life who lost a battle to depression, bullying, frustration or anger. It was a day for me to show my support for those who are still suffering. It was a day for me to remember a dark time in my life that I really don't want to visit again.

Yeah, I've been there.

I think for some people suicide is like a myth; something

On Monday, I wore yellow. I straightened the yellow ribbon that has been attached to my backpack for quite some time with a warped safety pin. I wrote "love" on my wrist with a black Sharpie marker. I tried to smile at every person that I passed on the sidewalk.

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I think for some people suicide is like a myth; something

that doesn't happen close to home, something that they've never thought about doing to themselves.

I know what it's like to feel so lost and confused about life. So if you're feeling alone with no idea where to turn, I want you to know that you're not alone. There are so

many resources on campus that are here for you.

Did you know that there is an on-campus

counseling center right in Hendrix Health? All sessions are confidential. Were you aware that your resident assistants, student orientation counselors and a plethora of other student leaders are willing to be a resource when you're not sure where else to turn to?

So if you need someone to talk to, a shoulder to cry on or a hand to hold, please don't hesitate to ask someone for help, because you matter so much. You are a beautiful, beautiful soul.

Note: Suicide is a serious issue. If you or someone you know needs help, please contact someone or call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1.800.273.8255.

Why I'm choosing to vote yes



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approach seems to be lacking in the current debate on marriage.

There are two points to be made. First, marriage as an institution precedes the Catholic Church in world history, which undermines the popular hypothesis that marriage is somehow a bizarre religious

idea, totally divorced from reality. Secondly, the real case against same-sex marriage lies not in appeals to religious authority, the Bible or our emotional preferences. The case against same-sex marriage is rational.

The reason marriage is between a man and a woman, lies in something called sexual complementarity. At the most basic level, humans are autonomous with regards to most activities; eating, sleeping, thinking, running, etc., can all be performed by an individual person. However, reproduction requires two persons with complementary functions to unite with the common goal of creating life. This is something unique to male-female sexuality and provides the basis for the Biblical assertion: The two shall become one flesh.

At the age of six, I helped my father and grandfather knock down a wall in the kitchen. Far from being a spontaneous, "Gee, let's open the room up a bit and kill an afternoon," the event was meticulously planned. After weeks of measuring and re-measuring, my father concluded the wall was not bearing any weight, did not have any major plumbing or electrical and therefore was not necessary. Only then was I handed a hammer and safety glasses. I raise the point because this common sense

"...once the natural male-female dynamic no longer serves as the defining characteristic, but is replaced with the popular commitment rubric, then marriage could be open to multiple people and essentially serve as a bland label without much significance or weight."

I am asking those in the pro-same-sex marriage camp to provide me with a sound reason why removing sexual complementarity would not fundamentally shift the meaning of marriage. It seems to me that once the natural male-female dynamic no longer serves as the defining characteristic, but is replaced with the popular 'commitment' rubric, then marriage could be open to multiple people and essentially serve as a bland label without much significance or weight.

Now, I am not the only person in this debate to claim logic as an ally. Mr. Holt has said, "Logically and morally, I cannot understand" why the Catholic Church has come up against same-sex marriage. I would love to hear a more full explanation of this claim. Further, I have to point out a glaring error in his article. He equated being against the homosexual community with being against their "fight for the freedom to marry." The Church is the only institution

to always have defended universal human dignity; it's been on the books for 2,000 years. Fulton Sheen, speaking for the Church said, "Intolerance applies only to principles, never to persons." In that spirit, the Church can be against

a cause per-se, but still see all the participants as children of God. Ironically enough, there have been times in the Church's history when there has been pressure to change the teaching on human dignity, like the pressure now to change the teaching on marriage, but the Church looked beyond passing fads, toward more permanent principles.

More remains to be said, and I hope a fruitful discussion both here in print and perhaps in live debates will take place on the issue. But let us all approach this rationally and calmly. I maintain that the wall of marriage ought to be left as it has been for thousands of years. So, if you want to knock it down, please explain why before we all grab our hammers.

Letter to the editor: Think it through

Writer Conor Holt speaks openly of his journey in faith in the Roman Catholic Faith community. The formal teachings and practices of this faith community are publically declared in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Paragraph 2357 states: Homosexuality refers to relations between men or between women who experience an exclusive or predominant sexual attraction toward persons of the same sex. It has taken a great variety of forms through the centuries and in different cultures. Its psychological genesis remains largely unexplained. Basing itself on Sacred Scriptures, which presents that "homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered." They are contrary to the natural law. They close the sexual act to the gift of life. They do not proceed from a genuine affective and sexual complementarity. Under no circumstances can they be approved.

We may ask if Mr. Holt has ever studied the catechism of the Catholic Church. We may further ask if Mr. Holt

believes that it is important to be obedient to the formal teachings of one's particular faith community.

Or does Mr. Holt choose to embrace so-called "moral relativism" and thereby formulates his own personal claims of supposed moral truth? Modern popular culture celebrates moral relativism and proudly declares its unwillingness to be obedient to any formal sense of external authority.

We need to think this through. The autonomous personal choices of moral relativism seem helpful and convincing in the immediate moment, but history tells us that in the long haul of claiming an absolute right to whatever said autonomous personal choices, the eventual end of it is painful disillusionment and a sense of hostile chaos in the larger human community around us. We need to think this through.

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Sports

Behind the science: Training a Dragon student-athlete



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James Gemar conducts the first tests with the Bod Pod on the women's basketball team on Sept. 5.

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Running, jumping, throwing, hitting and kicking are all basics of most of the sports at Dragon Athletics. Weight lifting and good nutrition help to shape the bodies of the student-athletes that must execute these motions. But understanding what weight lifting programs and nutrition to utilize comes from a process outside the athletic department.

The health and physical education department together with Dragon Athletics put student-athletes through body composition testing with one main goal in mind. “(Strength and conditioning) Coach (Travis) Anderson and the coaches want their athletes to have a high level of fitness to maximize performance on the field, on the court, on the track,” said James Gemar, exercise science program coordinator.

Body composition testing is designed to measure percent body fat. The HPE department has used two methods in the testing of Dragons athletes: hydrostatic weighing and bioelectrical impedance. The department received a new Bod Pod during the summer that could bring more precise measurements while using a different process than the hydrostatic or bioelectrical methods.

Hydrostatic weighing is a

process that weighs an individual in and out of a pool of water. The athlete must breathe out all air in the lungs prior to being submerged into the water. While in the water, the athlete is weighed.

Bioelectrical impedance, a method used by sending a small electric current through the body and measuring the speed it takes to move through, is used as a backup to the hydrostatic weighing, but is used after every hydrostatic weighing test to compare the numbers. The bioelectrical impedance is slightly less accurate than the hydrostatic method, but Gemar said it works well for the general population as compared to athletes.

The newest piece of technology the HPE department has received is said to be the most accurate form of finding body fat percentage, although the Bod Pod is in the first stages of testing in Nemzek. The Bod Pod uses air displacement in an enclosed chamber to find the body composition numbers.

Gemar said he first began body composition testing with the men's and women's cross country and track teams years ago because head coach Keith Barnier was very interested in the body fat percent of his athletes. Once coach Anderson joined the staff, he became interested and used it as well.

Last year the HPE department tested the men's and women's basketball teams, the football

team, the men's and women's cross country and track teams, and the volleyball team. The testing has already begun this year as 90 football athletes were measured.

There are two different goals when finding out the body composition numbers. First is to find whether the athlete's percent body fat is in a healthy range. Second is to monitor progress and get a baseline. After a baseline percent is taken, changes can be made in nutrition to lower the body fat.

“It's perfect for us as far as trying to shape and mold athletes to reach their full potential,” said football head coach Steve Laqua. “Anytime you can measure something you can improve it or you can change it so it gives us an accurate measurement of where guys are and the work they've done nutritionally as well as the work in the weight room.”

The HPE department broke the seal for testing in the Bod Pod last Wednesday with the women's basketball team. All of the body composition testing is just one way Gemar said the HPE department is trying to utilize their area of expertise for the benefit of MSUM.

“It's just a way that our department can be of use to the university community, in this case the athletic department, and we see the value of body composition as it relates to athletic performance so we are happy that we can help,” Gemar said.

DRAGONS Weekly scores

Soccer

Tie - at Northern State
09/08/12
Aberdeen, S.D.
MSUM (1-2-1) 1
NSU (1-2-1) 1

Football

Loss - at Sioux Falls
09/08/12
Sioux Falls, S.D.
MSUM (0-2) 10
USF (2-0) 45

Volleyball

Win - vs. Eckerd
09/06/12
St. Petersburg, Fla.
MSUM (5-1) 3
EC (3-2) 2

Win - vs. Northwood
09/07/12
St. Petersburg, Fla.
MSUM (7-1) 3
NU (4-2) 0

Win - vs. Rollins
09/07/12
St. Petersburg, Fla.
MSUM (6-1) 3
RC (2-3) 2

Win - vs. Newberry
09/08/12
St. Petersburg, Fla.
MSUM (8-1) 3
NC (5-3) 0

Volleyball receives national recognition

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The Dragon volleyball team is nationally ranked in the American Volleyball Coaches Association Top 25 poll for the first time since 2005.

They opened their season on a road trip to Florida, going 8-1 against non-conference teams in the Rollins Tournament and the Eckerd College Classic. They faced off with Florida Southern between the two tournaments on the road trip.

In the opening tournament, the Dragons faced off with No. 19 Eckerd and No. 22 Rollins, along with Chestnut Hill and California University of Pennsylvania.

In tough fought battles, the Dragons came out on top in three-of-four matches, dethroning the nationally ranked squads. The Dragons recorded their only loss of the trip to California University of Pennsylvania, 0-3.

“We knew we were the underdogs,” senior outside hitter Heidi Lensing said. “That didn't hold us back. We played our hardest, taking the games point by point.”

After the opening weekend of play, MSUM had knocked Rollins completely off the AVCA Top 25 poll and bumped Eckerd to No. 22.

The Dragons again beat both teams in two five-set matches less than a week later.

“We had moments where we played very well together,” head coach Tammy Blake-Kath said. “There is still room for improvement, which is exciting because we can get better.”

After defeating both nationally known teams for a second time, the Dragons got the recognition they deserved and were tied for the No. 22 spot on the poll. The Dragons are one of six teams in their conference to be ranked in the Top 25 poll.

“I felt that the NSIC preseason poll totally underestimated us,” Blake-Kath said. “It was exciting to not do it once, but twice, with both teams.”

Three Dragon team members were honored between the two tournaments. Senior outside hitter Heidi Lensing and senior libero Katy Ness were named to the Rollins All-Tournament team. At the Eckerd College Classic,

sophomore outside hitter Annie Palmquist, along with Lensing, was named to the All-Tournament team.

Ness was named the Most Valuable Player of the Eckerd classic after averaging 6.1 digs per set. Her outstanding play of 212 digs posted for the season thus far has earned her Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Defensive Player of the Week the last two weeks.

“Katy dug some amazing balls and did a great job passing last week,” Blake-Kath said.

With a solid group of seniors, the team looks to experience for leadership. However, a group of freshmen is proving their worth by posting big numbers for the team.

“We have a great all around freshmen group,” Ness said. “This year all the puzzle pieces fit together, hopefully creating a successful team.”

The Dragons start NSIC action this weekend against St. Cloud State University on Friday and No. 4 Minnesota Duluth on Saturday.

“We need to continue to show we deserve to be ranked now that we are starting conference play,” Ness said.

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News

Professors give 9/11 presentation



Andrew Conteh gave a presentation Tuesday about the counter-terrorism efforts made by the United Nations after the September 11 attacks.

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Two professors spoke Tuesday to inform students and community members about counter-terrorism efforts made in regards to the attacks on September 11, 2001.

“Terrorism is and will continue to occupy a space in our minds,” history professor Andrew Conteh said. “It cannot be entirely eradicated.”

Conteh discussed the importance of the United Nations in the counter-terrorism efforts and emphasized that the nation states need to work together to prevent terrorism.

“No one government has the power or authority to impose solutions,” Conteh said.

He discussed the resolutions that have been made by the United Nations to prevent future terrorist attacks, which include establishing a security council, freezing terrorists’ assets and

ensuring that terrorists are not able to acquire weapons of mass destruction.

“Counter-terrorism is about prevention and responses, which nation states and international organizations can undertake together,” Conteh said.

Lee Vigilant, professor of sociology, gave a counter-speech discussing the issue of the large sums of money that have been spent on counter-terrorism efforts since the 9/11 attacks.

Vigilant’s discussion raised the question: how much money will the United States spend to feel safe and secure?

“A nation state can never be secure in total,” Conteh responded. “Since September 11, it’s not the same United States and it’s not going to change.”

Conteh said we should not only talk about terrorism when there is an attack, and we should never forget the events of September 11.

VIOLENCE, FROM FRONT

and in the US has remained much the same, or in many cases, worsened. Therefore, it remains important that we rally to voice our collective dissent to widespread, systemic violence against women and girls.”

“That is why Take Back the Night is important,” Short said. “It brings together women, girls and their allies to show solidarity in ending all forms of violence against women and girls and to show a commitment to creating a world where all women and girls have full human rights.”

Several things will be achieved through this year’s Take Back the Night event, Short said.

“First, students and other members of the campus community attending will be informed of the various

resources on campus that address sexual, physical and interpersonal violence,” Short said. “Second, attendees will enjoy the politically incisive and often humorous musical talents of Kris Kitko, singer-songwriter and grassroots activist from Bismarck. Last, everyone will join in solidarity to march through the campus to ‘take back the night.’”

Speakers for the event will include Sgt. Marc Baetsch from MSUM Public Safety, who will talk about the Rape Aggression Defense program and Carol Grimm of the Hendrix Health Center.

This event is sponsored by women and gender studies, the Women’s Center, the Rainbow Dragon Center, the Gay/Straight Alliance and Hendrix Health Center.



Students and community members walk in protest of violence against women for the Take Back the Night event last year.

MASTERS, FROM FRONT

more finance courses, which we feel will benefit them in the business world,” Erickson said.

The combined program will also be beneficial to finance students, who, Erickson said, often need more accounting classes in the workplace and to take the CFA exam.

Four of the elective courses will be offered this spring, but the full program will start next fall.

Erickson will be holding two informational sessions at 9 a.m. Sept. 19 in CB 113 and at 3 p.m. Sept. 20 in CB 109 for anyone interested in program.

For more information about the new masters program, contact director Sheri Erickson at 218.477.4073 or erickson@mnstate.edu.

ALCOHOL, FROM FRONT

bike officers and plain-clothes officers are other strategies the police are trying.

Loud music, loud behavior, public urination and destruction of property are just a few reasons for the Moorhead PD to attend a student party. In the past, underage offenders were usually just sent home at larger parties in order to move things along faster. Now, with the addition of extra officers, the department will have time to take all necessary actions when breaking up a party.

“We are not trying to squash college fun. We want to reduce calls and have safety,” Swenson said.

A social host is enforced in Moorhead and is defined as allowing or permitting a gathering or event of underage

drinking to occur. The renter or homeowner is responsible for everyone in the house, even minors.

Hosting a house party often leads to other incidents besides a visit from the Moorhead PD. Thefts and property damage are common calls received from party hosts. Hosting a large party can give someone the perfect opportunity to come in and check out the house and it’s valuables.


The Moorhead Police Department has been coordinating and sharing ideas with other college communities in Minnesota to help tackle the problem in a uniform method. The police departments contact the colleges and update them on who has received a violation.

At MSUM, violators are

referred to the director of student conduct and resolution, Ashley Atteberry. Based on the infraction, students are required to complete alcohol evaluation courses. After a third violation, or a severe violation, students may be suspended from school on a semester basis, or even expelled.

“We need to address the impact of alcohol and drugs on student performance,” Atteberry said. “We are holding students accountable.”

To help raise awareness for the increased enforcement and policy updates, the Moorhead Police Department will be visiting rental homes in the surrounding areas to hand out brochures, better inform the public and answer any questions that may arise.



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